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In re Application of:

K. Matsutani, et al.

Serial No.: 09/939,579

Filed: August 28, 2001

For: Ophthalmologic Knife

Art Unit: 3731/

Examiner: D. Davis

AMENDMENT

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NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the official Office Action mailed September 10, 2002, (the response to which having been extended by virtue of a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and requisite fee filed herewith), in the matter of the above-identified application, kindly amend the same as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 2 and 3, and substitute the amended claims 1 and 5 below for the original claims 1 and 5 as filed:

1. (Amended) An ophthalmologic knife for being guided into an incision formed at an eyeball-

and for widening the width of the incision, the ophthalmologic knife comprising:

a handle having an end portion; and

a blade portion having a flat shape formed at the end portion of the handle, said blade

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